

LCB Meeting Minutes

5/17/16

Attendees

	Rosemary Beakes (excused)	√	Bitia Dayhoff	√	Maura Rossman
√	Tom Carbo or Tiffany Smith	√	Dawn Duignan		Gwynn Marsh-Armstrong
	Dario Broccolino or Kim Oldham (excused)	√	Gary Gardner	√	Louis Valenti
	Karen Butler (excused)	√	Pam Grady	√	Donna Wells
√	John Byrd	√	Tim Madden	√	Restia Whitaker
√	Phyllis Madachy	√	Edisa Padder		

Staff: Keri Hyde, Marsha Dawson, Kori Jones, Sucora Best, Valerie Harvey

Public Attendees: Carl Delorenzo, County Admin; Mike Demidenko, DSS; Nareed Mian, Student; Cindy Privitera, MCF; Ayesha Holmes, Stratigix Consulting LLC

Meeting called to order at 8:45 am.

Introductions were made; Pam welcomed everyone.

April minutes were approved

Slate of Nominees

Board members were asked to submit names for the position of Vice Chair; Pam will be transitioning off the Board next month.

Board Priority Discussion

Ayesha Holmes provided an overview of the summary and recommendations from Stratigix Consulting.

Recommendations based on the findings of the Community Plan included:

- Acquire funding for strategic planning process to align GOC priorities and the County Executive's plan.
- Hire a consultant to help with restructuring the Board.
- Conduct a Resource Fair specifically targeting disconnected and homeless youth.
- Obtain additional data on the impact of incarceration on children.

The final report will be sent to board members.

Department Changes

Phyllis discussed the restructuring of Department of Citizens Services, name changes, new office additions, and the implementation of "No Wrong Door" philosophy of customer service (see handout).

Board Member Updates

- Restia – School system in partnership with the Discovery Channel outfitted 70 homeless youth for prom. Submitted maintenance over efforts budget to county admin.
- Donna – May is Mental Health Month. MHA and LHIC produced 3-sided table tents highlighting mental health resources, Grassroots, and emotional wellness that will be on display in Columbia Mall's food court. NAMI rolled out an Anti-Stigma Campaign and is asking people to go online and take the pledge.
- Tiffany – The Department of Housing and the Housing Commission are still functioning as one unit.
- Bitia – Summer enrichment program for all head start children will begin soon. The program will run 7 weeks for up to 10 hours per day.
- John – Rec/Parks is opening South Branch Skate Park in Sykesville next month; youth in the community helped with the design. Rec/Parks is also breaking ground at East Columbia Park; renovations will include a playground, tennis court, and 2 baseball fields.
- Edisa – ECAC is continuing its work on their referral matrix for resources.

- Maura – Health Department, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Health/Mental Hygiene, and the Dept. of Environment have developed a plan for the Zika virus; so far there are no locally acquired cases. Information can be found on the Health Department's website. Zika virus will be discussed at the next LHIC meeting.
- Tim – Reported that DJS has experienced a reduction in personnel.
- Lou – Office of Childcare licensed 2 new childcare centers with potential to serve more than 100 children each.
- Dawn – Reported that she has been conducting community trainings on the Parent Survival Guide for elementary age.
- Gary – Released 2 new academies; 10 experienced officers and 8 police academy trainees. The police department will hire a youth liaison with hopes of doing more with youth services through their outreach department.
- Mike – DSS acquired 3 state grants for their Safe Care, Child Advocacy, and Family Options programs.
- Phyllis – Plans for the Human Services Building aka Consolidated Community Services building have moved forward. The county has secured funding and 11 organizations have signed letters of intent to move by early 2017.

Meeting Adjourned 10:10

Next Meeting: June 21, 2016